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(54) MISFIRE DETECTING DEVICE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

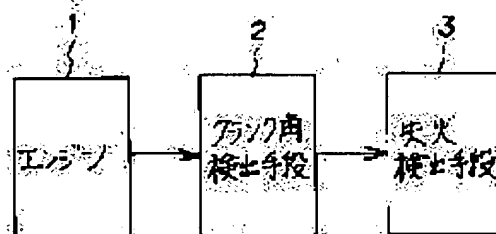
(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To make a correct judgement of the misfire over the extensive operational range of an engine, with a simple constitution.

CONSTITUTION: The high level interval and the low level interval of the reference periodical pulse to give the position of the crank angle according to the ignition timing of a 6-cylinder engine 1 are measured by a crank angle detecting means 2, the required time for the specified angle range below and over the reference speed of the crank angle is calculated from the measured value by a misfire detecting means 3,

and a judgement on the misfire is made from the calculated value.

Thus, it is unnecessary to add a sensor, leading to a simplified and inexpensive constitution with high accuracy, and normalization of the load fluctuation of the engine.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Flame-failure detection equipment of the internal combustion engine having a means to compute the duration of the predetermined include-angle section before and after inserting the criteria include angle of said crank angle from the measurement value measured with a crank angle detection means to measure the high-level period and low-level period of the criteria period pulse signal which gives the crank angle location corresponding to the ignition timing of a six cylinder engine, and this crank angle detection means, and to judge a flame failure by this calculation result.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0002]

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[0003]

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[0005]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The flame-failure detection equipment of the internal combustion engine concerning this invention establishes a flame-failure detection means by which use a crank angle criteria periodic signal, detect the duration ratio of the section whenever [predetermined crank angle / which divides each one period before and after inserting the specific criteria include angle of a six cylinder engine], and the flame failure was detected from this time amount ratio.

[0006]

[Function] The flame-failure detection equipment in this invention detects the above-mentioned time amount ratio which changes with existence of a flame failure, and judges a flame failure from the difference of this ratio, or the acceleration of a ratio.

[0007]

[Example] Hereafter, the example of the flame-failure detection equipment of the internal combustion engine of this invention is explained about drawing. Drawing 1 is the functional block diagram of the one example. In this drawing 1, a crank angle detection means to output the criteria crank angle location which uses 1 for an engine and uses 2 for ignition control, and 3 are flame-failure detection means, and are a flame-failure detection means to judge a flame failure from the acceleration of the time amount ratio of a criteria periodic signal before and after inserting the specific criteria include angle of an engine 1, for example, a top dead center, from the signal of the crank angle detection means 2, or the above-mentioned time amount ratio.

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and correspond to the crank angle detection means 2 of drawing 1.

[0009] Moreover, 7 undergoes the output of the crank angle sensor 6, is a flame-failure detecting element which detects a flame failure, and is constituted by the interface 8 which transmits the signal of the crank angle sensor 6 to a microcomputer 9 (it is called a microcomputer for short below), the memory 10 which memorizes procedure and control-information, the timer counter (free-running counter) 11 counted up for every clock during scheduled time, and the microcomputer 9 which contained the CPU12 grade which performs flame-failure detection data processing. In the above-mentioned configuration, the signal of the crank angle sensor 6 is inputted into a microcomputer 9 through an interface 8, and data processing is performed.

[0010] Next, the example of drawing 3 explains actuation of this invention. The pressure variation of each gas columns 21-26 and the wave of each part over the crank angle of 4 stroke cycle six cylinder engine are shown in drawing 3 (a) and drawing 3 (b). drawing 3 (a) -- setting -- a continuous line -- the 1st of an engine 1 -- it is the pressure wave form of cylinder #1, and BDC is a bottom dead point and TDC is a top dead center. moreover, a broken line -- the 3rd -- cylinder #3 and an alternate long and short dash line -- the 2nd -- cylinder #2 and a two-dot chain line -- the 4th -- it is the pressure wave form of cylinder #4.

[0011] As shown in this drawing 3 (a), in the six cylinder engine, the combustion cycle of each gas column has the phase contrast of 120 crank angles. In addition, the pressure wave form of #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 indicates a chisel like compression and an explosion line, and the stroke of inhalation and exhaust air is omitting the publication.

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[0015] Corresponding to this, as a continuous line shows to drawing 3 (a), cylinder internal pressure lights like zero crank angle thru/or the explosion line in 720 degrees, and a firing pressure increases. Like the following, an order of ignition is repeated a period 120 degrees, and a combustion cycle is repeated in order of #1 ->#2 ->#3 ->#4 ->#5 ->#6-cylinder.

[0016] Next, the concrete approach of flame-failure detection is explained. The relation between combustion and each include angle is shown in drawing 3 (a) and drawing 3 (c). In addition, this drawing 3 is engine-speed 1000rpm. It is a case.

[0017] the 1st shown in drawing 3 (a) as a continuous line -- in cylinder #1, the wave centering on zero crank angle is the case of normal combustion, and the gaseous mixture filled up with the charging stroke is pressurized by the compression stroke, is lit near compressive TDC, expands rapidly like an explosion line, and is discharged out of a gas column like an exhaust air line.

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[0019] Moreover, angular velocity increases corresponding to the torque rise by explosion of each gas column, and angular velocity has the property which decreases corresponding to compression, as shown in the crank angle 0 of drawing 3 (c) thru/or 720 degrees.

[0020] Here, since the torque rise by explosion will not be acquired as shown after 720 crank angles if a flame failure occurs, angular velocity decreases, and it continues decreasing until the following explosion of gas column #2 occurs.

[0021] Then, this invention tends to judge a flame failure paying attention to this from fluctuation of the angular velocity of the predetermined section of the crank angle generated by the existence of a flame failure. Drawing 4 is the

timing diagram of data processing of the microcomputer 9 by the 1st example of this invention, and drawing 5 is a flow chart which shows the operation flow of this microcomputer 9. This example measures the ignition periodic signal of the crank angle sensor 6, for example, the duration of the L section TU of 50 degrees which faces across the H sections TL and TDC of 70 crank angles before 6 times in front of the top dead center TDC shown in drawing 3 (b), and detects a flame failure from that measurement result.

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[0023] First, in drawing 5, CPU12 is stored in the memory MB76 which read the counter value of the timer counter 11 counted up for every predetermined time clock at step S1, and was prepared in memory 10. Here, this stored value shows the time of day in 76 BTDC(s).

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[0025] Next, CPU12 stands by until the signal of the crank angle sensor 6 is set to six BTDC(s). An engine rotates, if it reaches at the time of six BTDC(s) shown in drawing 4, it will generate in interruption again with the signal of the crank angle sensor 6, and the flow of drawing 6 $R > 6$ will be performed. In this drawing 6, at step S7, the counter value of a timer counter 11 is read and the value which shows the time of day in six BTDC(s) is stored in memory MB6.

[0026] Subsequently, duration of the section TL shown in drawing 4 with reference to the time of day in 76 BTDC(s) given at step S1 of drawing 5 by step S8 $TL = MB76 - MB6 \dots (1)$

It is TLO of memory 10 about the duration TL which boiled, computed more and was computed last time. After storing, the duration computed by (1) formula is stored in TL of memory 10, and processing is ended.

[0027] Subsequently, if the location of 76 BTDC(s) corresponding to the ignition signal of the following gas column is arrived at, processing of drawing 5 will be performed again. Here, in step S2, while updating the value of memory MB76 and preparing for next processing at step S1, since the initial flag is cleared by the last processing, it moves to step S3.

[0028] The section TU shown in drawing 4 at step S3 with reference to the time of day in BTDC6" given at step S7 of drawing 6 $\text{Duration TU} = MB6 - MB76 \dots (2)$

It is alike, computes more and, subsequently is a time amount ratio. $TU + TL / 2 / TLO \dots (3)$

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[0029] As mentioned above, the include angle of 76degreeB of a crank angle sensor output and 6 degreeB is required of another reason. With the velocity ratio of the crank shaft revolution speed of a compression stroke, and the crank shaft revolution speed like an explosion line, by this invention that is going to judge a flame failure Since it will be set to 44 degreeA from 6degreeB and the measurement section of an on the way (below one half) like an explosion line will come when the measurement section sees in the same gas column if the L period TU (50-degreeCA period) of said measured crank angle signal output is used as it is, in this example as the measurement section like an explosion line $TU + LL / 2 = 50 + 70 / 2 = 85CA \dots (4)$

It chose.

[0030] In order to raise speed detection precision, it is so advantageous that the measurement section is long. However, in a 6-cylinder case, although more than 90-degreeeach CA is possible for the measurement section like a compression stroke and an explosion line like a 4-cylinder about that by which each stroke of each gas column is carried out independently for every 180-degreeCA, since ignition is performed for every 120-degreeCA, it becomes easy to be combustion influenced of a contiguity gas column. Then, it will be necessary to set the crankshaft tachography section like an explosion line to 85-degreeCA like a formula (3) like this example, and to take the method with which the measurement section also overlaps 2 cylinder.

[0031] Next, it judges with judging, and branching and carrying out the flame failure of whether this time amount ratio is larger than the predetermined value corresponding to the flame failure set up beforehand to step S5 by step S4, when that judgment result is large. Moreover, if a time amount ratio is smaller than a predetermined value as a result of the judgment by step S4, processing will branch from the NO side of step S4 to step S6, it will judge with it being normal at this step S6, and processing will be ended, respectively.

[0032] Hereafter, similarly, in the flow of drawing 5 R> 5, by six BTDC(s), the flow of drawing 6 is performed and sequential calculation of the time amount ratio corresponding to each gas column is carried out at 76 BTDC(s).

[0033] drawing (d) -- a flame failure and the time amount ratio $TU = TL/2/TLO$ It is drawing showing(%) of relation. this drawing -- setting -- a continuous line -- each, if it is set as the flame-failure decision value which is a time amount ratio value computed corresponding to gas column #1-#4, respectively, shows in this drawing with a broken line, for example, uses the value of 158 (%) by step S4 of drawing 5 It corresponds to the flame failure of gas column #1 centering on 720 crank angles, and is time amount ratio $TU+TL/2-/TLO$. Since it increases and becomes beyond a predetermined value, it is clear that a flame failure can be judged.

[0034]

[Effect of the Invention] According to this invention, the rotation fluctuation by the flame failure as mentioned above, by measuring the high-level period of the criteria periodic signal of a crank angle sensor, and a low-level period Since it constituted so that the duration ratio of the section might be computed whenever [crank angle / which represents like a compression stroke and an explosion line before and after inserting the specific criteria include angle of each gas column] and a flame failure might be detected from this time amount ratio Detection sensitivity is good and it is effective in the crank angle sensor moreover used for ignition control being used, not forming a sensor specially, and equipment being cheaply made with an easy configuration, and what has a high precision being obtained.

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[0029] As mentioned above, the include angle of 76degreeB of a crank angle sensor output and 6 degreeB is required of another reason. With the velocity ratio of the crank shaft revolution speed of a compression stroke, and the crank shaft revolution speed like an explosion line, by this invention that is going to judge a flame failure Since it will be set to 44 degreeA from 6degreeB and the measurement section of an on the way (below one half) like an explosion line will come when the measurement section sees in the same gas column if the L period TU (50-degreeCA period) of said measured crank angle signal output is used as it is, in this example as the measurement section like an explosion line $TU + LL/2 = 50 + 70/2 = 85CA \dots (4)$

It chose.

[0030] In order to raise speed detection precision, it is so advantageous that the measurement section is long. However, in a 6-cylinder case, although more than 90-degreeach CA is possible for the measurement section like a compression stroke and an explosion line like a 4-cylinder about that by which each stroke of each gas column is carried out independently for every 180-degreeCA, since ignition is performed for every 120-degreeCA, it becomes easy to be combustion influenced of a contiguity gas column. Then, it will be necessary to set the crankshaft tachography section like an explosion line to 85-degreeCA like a formula (3) like this example, and to take the method with which the measurement section also overlaps 2 cylinder.

[0031] Next, it judges with judging, and branching and carrying out the flame failure of whether this time amount ratio is larger than the predetermined value corresponding to the flame failure set up beforehand to step S5 by step S4, when that judgment result is large. Moreover, if a time amount ratio is smaller than a predetermined value as a result of the judgment by step S4, processing will branch from the NO side of step S4 to step S6, it will judge with it being normal at this step S6, and processing will be ended, respectively.

[0032] Hereafter, similarly, in the flow of drawing 5 $R > 5$, by six BTDC(s), the flow of drawing 6 is performed and sequential calculation of the time amount ratio corresponding to each gas column is carried out at 76 BTDC(s).

[0033] drawing (d) -- a flame failure and the time amount ratio $TU -- +TL/2/TLO$ It is drawing showing(%) of relation. this drawing -- setting -- a continuous line -- each, if it is set as the flame-failure decision value which is a time amount ratio value computed corresponding to gas column #1-#4, respectively, shows in this drawing with a broken line, for example, uses the value of 158 (%) by step S4 of drawing 5 It corresponds to the flame failure of gas column #1 centering on 720 crank angles, and is time amount ratio $TU + TL/2 - /TLO$. Since it increases and becomes beyond a predetermined value, it is clear that a flame failure can be judged.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the functional block diagram showing the configuration of the flame-failure detection equipment of the internal combustion engine by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the block diagram showing the configuration of the flame-failure detection equipment of the internal combustion engine by the concrete example of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is a timing diagram for explaining actuation of the example of drawing 2 same as the above.

[Drawing 4] It is the timing diagram of data processing of the microcomputer in the example of drawing 2 same as the above.

[Drawing 5] It is the flow chart which shows the operation flow for every BTDC76° of the microcomputer in the example of drawing 2 same as the above.

[Drawing 6] It is the flow chart which shows the operation flow for every BTDC6° of the microcomputer in the example of drawing 2 same as the above.

[Description of Notations]

- 1 Engine
- 2 Crank Angle Detection Means
- 3 Flame-Failure Detection Means
- 21 Gas Column
- 22 Gas Column
- 23 Gas Column
- 24 Gas Column
- 25 Gas Column
- 26 Gas Column
- 6 Crank Angle Sensor
- 7 Flame-Failure Detecting Element
- 8 Interface
- 9 Microcomputer
- 10 Memory
- 11 Timer Counter
- 12 CPU

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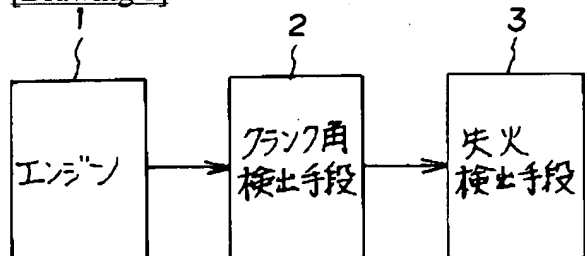
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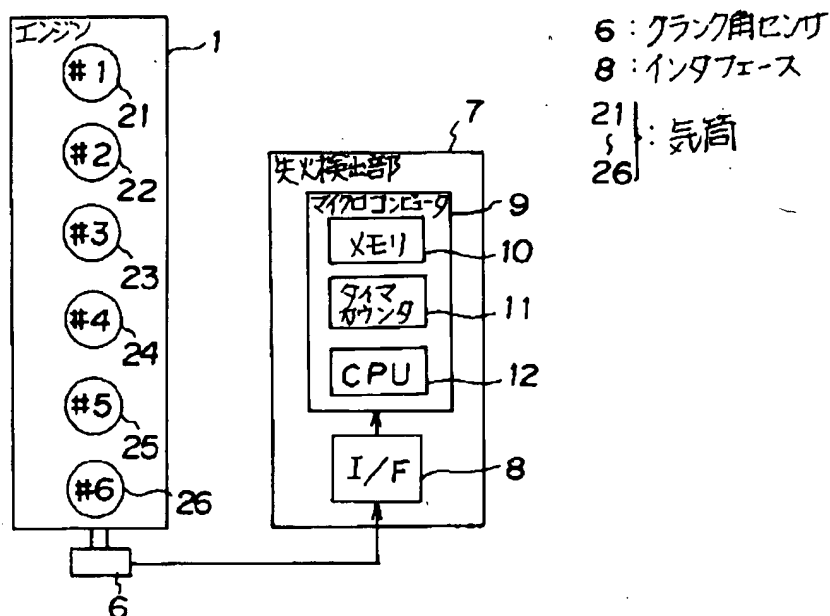
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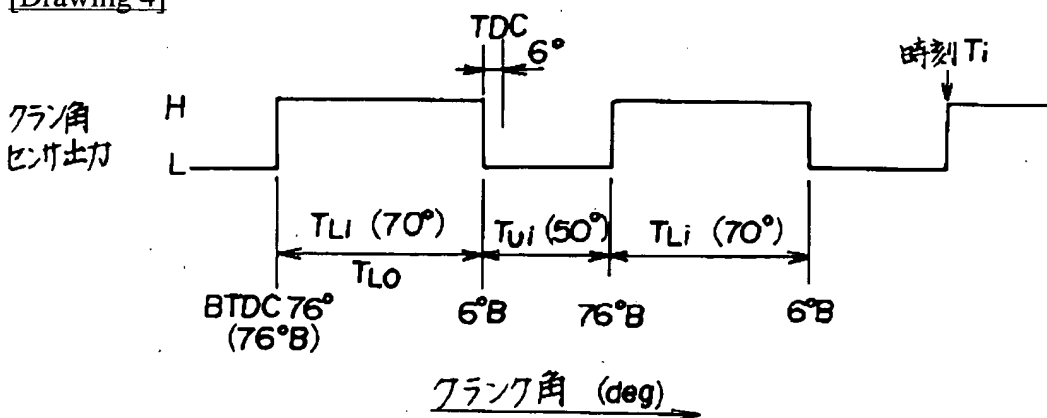
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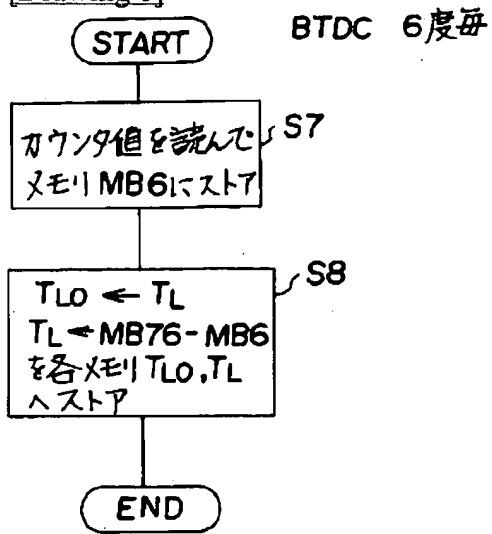
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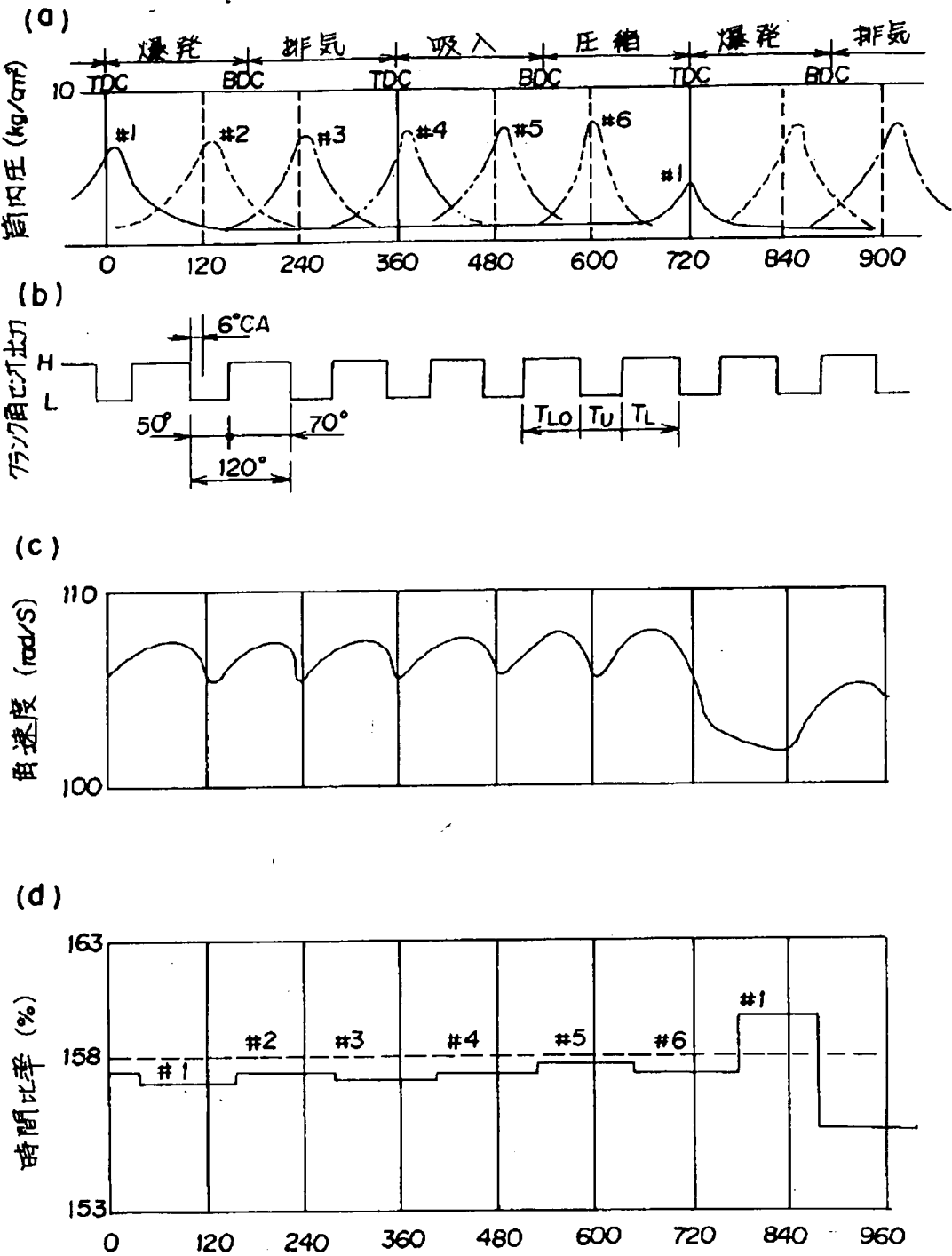
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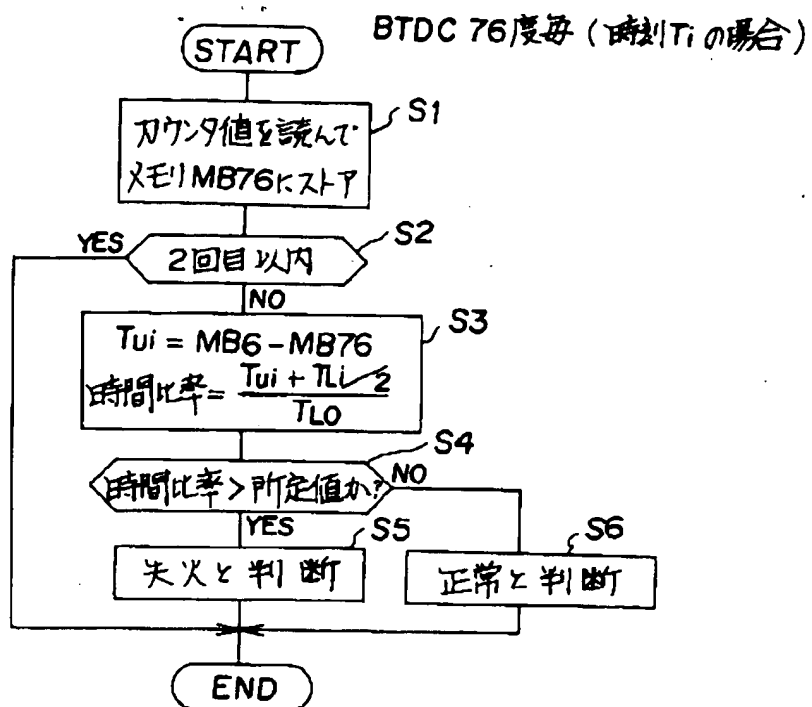
[Drawing 6]



[Drawing 3]



[Drawing 5]



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